

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**Excused Absence:** Alderman Ptak

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant permission to Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy Services to address the council.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri briefed the council on the options presented to the Finance Committee regarding bids for electric aggregation and indicated they were leaning toward a one year contract with a rate of 5.33 cents/kWh with Constellation Energy. Mr. Mudge addressed the council and explained that it is projected that rates for twelve months could range anywhere from 5.6 cents / kWh to 6.4 cents / kWh. He agreed with the Finance Committee in regard to locking in a one year contract at 5.33 cents/kWh with Constellation Energy and then revisiting the issue after April 13 when the capacity auction comes out. The contract will go into effect in July when the current contract expires. He added that by going with the one year contract, this allows the City to see what happens and make changes accordingly. Mr. Mudge added that residents always have the final say and are not obligated to join or stay with the program. The city is offering this as an option. There are currently 2,814 residents on the program. Mayor Grove added that the City's current rate is 4.42 cents per kWh.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve the request of AT&T to dig up and repair existing AT&T duct that runs along 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 128 Sterling Street (vacant lot) to retire inactive gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to grant the request of the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association for a 2015 Raffle License. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request for a monetary donation to the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois for their Lock-In on March 28, 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer the petition of Teresa Whetzel to place a handicapped parking sign in front of her residence at 257 Crosat Street to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Alderman Bacidore indicated the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to start the process regarding the petition for annexation and referral to the Planning Commission for consideration of potential zoning change.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

There were no reports.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Bacidore explained that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee met in regard to possible amendments to the Fence Ordinance and Building Inspector Chris Covert will have the changes made for the council's approval at the next meeting.

Attorney McPhedran briefly outlined the details of the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance which provides for a process for simple subdivisions. This process is meant to simplify the process for the developer, as well as reduce publication costs for the City and alleviate the Planning Commission from needing to meet for simple subdivisions. A simple subdivision is defined as any subdivision of land less than 5 acres and not more than five lots, fronting on an existing improved street and not involving any new street or road, not adversely affecting the development of the remainder of the parcel or adjoining property, not involving utilities or movement of utilities or requiring any public improvements. If the tract of land complies with this definition, the City Engineer and Building Inspector can jointly approve the Preliminary and Final Plat of subdivision with City Council approval foregoing a hearing before the Planning Commission. Additionally, if the subdivision meets the definition and contains a division into not more than three lots, the requirement for a formal "plat of subdivision" may be waived and in lieu of it a certified land survey that clearly delineates the corners of all lots, can be approved by the City Engineer and Building Inspector with final approval by the City Council, again foregoing the need for a Planning Commission hearing. If the council or City Engineer or Building Inspector determines the small subdivision definition is not met, a Planning Commission hearing will be scheduled. The same is true if a zoning change is involved.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the consideration of potentially amending the City of LaSalle Subdivision Ordinance, originally enacted as City of LaSalle Ordinance No. A-590, as the same has from time to time amended, now codified in major respects in the City of LaSalle Code under the general heading Zoning and the subcategory heading of subdivisions, specifically Sections 153.145 through and including at least Sections 153.152 inclusive in regard to amending provisions regarding the process and application and related matters of smaller subdivisions, also including, but not being limited to, the definition of subdivision as provided within Ordinance A-590 and the LaSalle City Code and related matters.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #2 and Final to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for the 2014 Third Street Road Improvements totaling \$1,056.25.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #2 and Final to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for the 2014 Donahue Street Improvements totaling \$11,006.28.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #2 and Final to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. for the 2014 MFT Road Improvements totaling \$71,096.03.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the bid of Constellation Energy and enter into a contract for one year at a rate of 5.33 cents per kWh, subject to entering into an agreement, for municipal electric aggregation

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

Attorney McPhedran stated for the record that this motion is in furtherance of the agenda item in reference to the presentation of bids.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Resolution 201502:** a resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None  
**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Resolution 201502- urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues.**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Resolution 201503**: - IDOT resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Resolution 201503- IDOT resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2548**: an ordinance further Regulating Traffic within the City of La Salle. (stop sign at McArthur and Hennepin Streets). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: Alderman Demes Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-1**

**Ordinance 2548—further Regulating Traffic within the City of La Salle. (stop sign at McArthur and Hennepin Streets).**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2549**: an ordinance authorizing Assignment of Pre-Development Agreement originally entered into between the City of LaSalle and Quality Sand Products, LLC involving Special Use Permit to Utica Silica, LLC and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2549- authorizing Assignment of Pre-Development Agreement originally entered into between the City of LaSalle and Quality Sand Products, LLC involving Special Use Permit to Utica Silica, LLC and related matters.**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2550**: an ordinance amending City of LaSalle Subdivision Ordinance originally enacted City of LaSalle Ordinance A-590 as the same has from time to time been amended, now codified in major respects, in the City of LaSalle Zoning Code regarding the process and application of said Ordinance to smaller subdivisions and related matters.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2550- amending City of LaSalle Subdivision Ordinance originally enacted City of LaSalle Ordinance A-590 as the same has from time to time been amended, now codified in major respects, in the City of LaSalle Zoning Code regarding the process and application of said Ordinance to smaller subdivisions and related matters.**

Finance Director introduced Mr. John Vezzetti from Bernardi Securities. Mr. Vezzetti thanked the council for the opportunity to assist with the refinancing of this bond. He explained that this process simply replaces a higher interest rate with a lower rate. Mr. Vezzetti is projecting net savings of no less than \$75,000 to the City of La Salle.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2551**: an ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,865,000 for the purpose of refunding a portion of the City's outstanding bonds and paying for the costs of issuance of such bonds and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2551- providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,865,000 for the purpose of refunding a portion of the City's outstanding bonds and paying for the costs of issuance of such bonds and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.**

Alderman Herndon stated that in regard to the Lease of City Property for the Canal Corridor Association, more information had been learned and he intended to change his vote from the last meeting. Brief discussion followed.

Prior to the vote, each alderman made comments regarding their position.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2552**: an ordinance regarding Lease of Municipal Property (Canal Corridor Association). Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Herndon Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 4-3** (Mayor Grove voted Aye)

**Ordinance 2552- regarding Lease of Municipal Property (Canal Corridor Association)**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize and place on file **Ordinance 2553**: an ordinance amending Ordinance 1127, Section 15 thereof and corresponding La Salle City Code Section 110.28 related to sale of alcoholic liquor and Class C licensees and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**Ordinance 2553- amending Ordinance 1127, Section 15 thereof and corresponding La Salle City Code Section 110.28 related to sale of**

**alcoholic liquor and Class C  
licensees and related matters.**

**COMMENTS**

Alderman Schneider reminded the public of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

Mayor Grove welcomed Jeremy Aiken who represented WLPO/WAJK in place of Jennifer Nagle.

Mayor Grove wished Representative Frank Mautino well as he faces some health challenges.

Chief Bacidore thanked area departments who assisted with the fire at M&M News Agency.

City Engineer Brown indicated he received notification from IDOT that they will be doing some signal modifications in the future at Route 6 and Bucklin Avenue.

There were no public comments.

7:41 p.m. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes to recess Regular Session and enter into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining with FOP and related matters, and acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6, and 11 thereof.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

9:15 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to exit Executive Session and return to regular session.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that bills submitted totaling \$219,061.99 (Total Payroll \$162,139.46, Bills to be Paid \$36,033.40, Total Bills Paid \$20,889.13) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 7-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 9:15 p.m.**



Carrie Brown, City Clerk